

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK COLLEGE AT GENESEEO

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the State University of New York College at Geneseo on its 150th anniversary.

Founded in 1871, SUNY Geneseo is a liberal arts college located in the historic Village of Geneseo, New York. SUNY Geneseo has a rich history, and I am honored to represent it in Congress.

On September 13, 1871, the Geneseo Normal and Training School opened its doors with 71 certificate-seeking students. The following year, the first commencement was held with a graduating class of ten students. Later renamed SUNY Geneseo, today the school has more than 4,000 students, fifty undergraduate degree programs, and twenty-six interdisciplinary minors. SUNY Geneseo has grown exponentially over its 150-year history, while maintaining its strong commitment to quality education.

Despite the challenges of the past year, SUNY Geneseo has continued to deliver a high-quality education. This success is demonstrated by SUNY Geneseo's designation as a "Top Producer of U.S. Student Fulbright Awards," as well as the university's U.S. News and World Report ranking of third for "Top Public Regional Universities" in the Northern United States. Each of these designations reflect the hard work of the students and faculty at SUNY Geneseo, who have grown the school into an outstanding institution over the past 150 years.

SUNY Geneseo is known not only for its academics, but also for its history and traditions. An iconic feature of Geneseo is the Seuss Spruce found in the Sturges Quad. The tree's shape resembles a Dr. Seuss illustration, likely developing its shape from an ice storm. The Sturges Quad also holds the "Greek tree," a tree painted by students from different Greek organizations during the night. This tradition began in the 1960s, yet thousands of layers of paint later, the tree grows taller each year. Geneseo is also known for its remarkable sunsets, especially those that can be seen from the campus Gazebo overlooking the Genesee Valley.

I thank SUNY Geneseo for its commitment to preserving and promoting 150 years of education, and I again congratulate Geneseo on its 150th anniversary.

TRINIDAD "TRINI" GARZA EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Trini Garza Early College High School for becoming a 2021 National Blue Ribbon Awardee.

Trini Garza Early College High School is a public school located in the southwest quad-

rant of the Dallas Independent School District, the second largest urban school district in Texas. The school opened in 2006 and works in collaboration with Mountain View College to provide a partnership that ensures the goal of college success is attained. Garza ECHS students attend both high school and on-site college classes in order to graduate with their high school diploma and associate degree. Most of the students are the first in their family to attend college in an area where about only 10 percent of the population has a college degree.

The high school's namesake is well-known Dallas civic leader and businessman, Trinidad "Trini" Garza. Mr. Garza is known as an advocate for progress for the Hispanic community as early as 1969 when he helped organize the city's first Mexican American Leadership Conference. Mr. Garza has also been a strong advocate and supporter of education. Elected as the first Hispanic member of the board of trustees in 1969, Mr. Garza was then appointed Deputy Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Education in President Clinton's Administration. Throughout his life, Mr. Garza has served his community through involvement in numerous civic organizations. In 2010, the Early College High School at Mountain View College was named after Mr. Garza.

Every year, the U.S. Department of Education recognizes hundreds of public and private schools across the country for their commitment to educational excellence and their ability to overcome outstanding odds to properly educate their students. These schools receive the National Blue Ribbon of Distinction, an award reserved for schools that boast students who meet and maintain high educational goals. The Blue Ribbon Award celebrates the idea that all students, regardless of background, ability or location, deserve an excellent education.

The culture of Trini Garza Early College High School provides a place where students, parents, and faculty become life-long learners. There is no punishment for taking risks, no systemic anxiety about failure. Students are encouraged to advocate for their own learning, and teachers tailor student experiences based on individualized needs so that all are successful in whatever endeavor they choose.

Trini Garza Early College High School's commitment to excellence has exceeded expectations on the state accountability systems attaining ALL seven distinctions listed in Academic Achievement: Reading/Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies; Top 25 percent Student Progress; Top 25 percent Closing Performance Gaps; and Post-secondary Readiness. The philosophy "All Children Can Learn" is ingrained in every aspect of this school. It is an honor to celebrate them for this historic achievement and their lifelong impact on the Dallas community.

PASTOR TOMMY SMITH

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Tommy Smith, the Pastor of the First Church of God in Christ in Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Pastor Smith has been in ministry at

the same location for over fifty years. He began his ministry as a musician for the church before progressing to a Sunday school teacher and assistant pastor. Pastor Smith is now the District Superintendent of Congregation in Sulphur Springs, Bonham, Commerce, Talco, and Mt. Pleasant areas. He is also the Chief Financial Officer of the Texas Northeast 3rd Jurisdiction of Churches of God in Christ.

In 2020, Dr. Smith received his Doctor of Theology from Newburgh Theological Institute after battling with cancer. He also attended advanced courses from the Dallas Theological Seminary. In addition, Pastor Smith worked for the Marketplace Ministries in Mt. Pleasant as a chaplain, Titus Regional Medical Center as chaplain, and Mt. Pleasant Police Department as a ride along chaplain. He continues to set excellent examples to others in ministry as a Dean of Ordination for newly licensed ministers in the Great State of Texas. Pastor Smith loves the Lord and will continue this ministry until the Lord calls; "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Pastor Smith's devotion to God, Country, and his congregation. Furthermore, Madam Speaker, I extend my personal commendations to Pastor Smith for all he has done in service of the 4th Congressional District of Texas.

HONORING MRS. SALLY TANNER

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congressman MIKE THOMPSON to honor Mrs. Sally Tanner in celebration of her extraordinary life and commitment to serving her community.

Marcella "Sally" Tanner was born in East Chicago, Indiana, the youngest of eight children born to Anton and Mary Zinski. She spent her childhood in Indiana, where she became politically engaged and active in her community. It was during this time that she planned her first political demonstration. After Sally graduated high school, she moved with her parents to Southern California, where she attended Pasadena Community College and the Art Center School of Design in Los Angeles. Shortly after finishing school, World War II began, and Sally decided to become a riveter to serve her country. After the war, Sally had her two sons, Christopher and Timothy, and began working as an administrative assistant for Assemblyman Harvey Johnson. Upon Assemblyman Johnson's retirement in 1979, she decided to run for his seat in the California State Assembly. She won the race and served as the Assemblywoman of CA-60 for 14 years.

It is evident through Sally's impactful career that she truly touched the lives of all those who knew her. Some of her many achievements in the California Assembly include becoming the first Chair for the Clean Air Clean Water committee, the Toxic Waste committee, and establishing the California Consumers Board. She wrote many influential bills, including the Lemon Law, which has helped thousands of California consumers of failing vehicles seek retribution. Sally was a fierce advocate for women and marginalized communities

and was a founder of the California Legislative Women's Caucus in 1985. That same year, she was appointed to Governor Deukmejian's waste, energy, and technology task force, where she was instrumental in composing a state waste management plan. Later in her career, Sally met Whittier's Superior Court Judge Patricia Hofstetter, who became her life partner. As a testament to her extensive service, Sally was named the First Assembly District's Woman of the Year. In addition, she has had one park and two streets named in her honor.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Sally Tanner is truly an exemplary civil servant. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor her here today.

HONORING THE LIFE OF RANDY PARAGARY

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Randy Paragary. Randy passed away surrounded by his loving family on August 14, 2021 after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Randy was a husband, father, son, and friend to many.

After graduating from C.K. McClatchy High School, he attended California State University, Sacramento and the McGeorge School of Law. Randy received his degree in law, but he decided to put his dedication into his career to entrepreneurship. The risk paid off. At the young age of 23, he opened his first bar called the ParaPow Palace in 1969. He started his growth with food, nightlife, and restaurants. The Paragary Restaurant Group owned and operated establishments in Sacramento, California such as Centro Cocina Mexicana, R15, Café Bernardo, and Paragary's Midtown. One of his recent joys was the Fort Sutter Hotel in 2020.

Randy was a family man who dearly loved his children Lisa and Sam, but he was also a hardworking businessman. He worked alongside his wonderful wife, Stacy for nearly the entire 28 years they were married. His personality was witty yet collected. He never failed to make himself and others laugh in social settings. A mentor to many, his leadership, decision-making skills, and creative mind was admired by many. A family man, he and his now 93-year-old mother and daughter would have Sunday brunch together every week up until his passing.

His delightful personality was part of what made him so successful in life, as he was always curious about others, and jumped at any opportunity to get to know a new guest at his restaurant. His business ventures were inspiring to the entire community of Sacramento, and he truly left a mark on the restaurant scene there.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Randy Paragary. His service and contributions to the State of California will not be forgotten and he will be missed. I join his family and friends in celebrating Randy's life.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF ANDREW CARTER

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and service of Mr. Andrew Carter who recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He is a member of the greatest generation, and I am very proud to have men like Mr. Carter representing the state of Mississippi.

Mr. Carter is a native of Tippah county. He joined the U.S. Navy on May 17, 1944. He loves to tell stories of his time aboard the SS *Felipe De Nerve*, a French liner used to transport troops and supplies during heavy fighting. He survived and returned home to Mississippi. In December of 1946, Mr. Carter married Naomi Street. The couple had six children together.

Mr. Carter currently resides in Ripley. He enjoys trips to the local coffee shop to spend time with his friends, mowing the lawn, and exercising. He is a natural storyteller and has no shortage of experience.

I am so thankful for Mr. Carter's lifetime of service to this country and the state of Mississippi. I wish him many more years of good health and happiness.

HONORING GEORGE KOSTYLOV

HON. ANN KIRKPATRICK

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize George Kostylov, the Principal of Kiev School No. 155 for his partnership with Phineas Anderson, head of Green Fields Country Day School in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Kostylov and Mr. Anderson started the first exchange program of sixth through twelfth-grade students between Green Fields Country Day School and the Kiev School No. 155 in 1988. Through this exchange program, Mr. Kostylov helped to better relationships between the United States and the Soviet Union during the presidencies of Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev. Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating Mr. Kostylov's leadership to further world peace between our two nations through an influential student exchange program.

IN RECOGNITION OF INTERNATIONAL PLASMA AWARENESS WEEK

HON. DORIS O. MATSUI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Ms. MATSUI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of patients across the United States and around the world who rely upon medicines made from donated plasma. October 4–8 is International Plasma Awareness Week (IPAW) and this year, 2021, has seen a continuation of the urgent need for more plasma

donations during this difficult pandemic so that patients with rare diseases can be assured of receiving their treatments. This week, patients, plasma donors, and plasma collection centers will join together to observe IPAW via a range of events seeking to raise global awareness of the crucial need for plasma to create life-saving therapies, recognize that plasma donors contribute greatly in saving and improving lives, and increase understanding of the many rare diseases and plasma protein therapies that help to treat them.

Plasma-derived therapies and recombinant blood clotting factors, collectively known as plasma protein therapies, are unique, biologic medicines that are either infused or injected to treat a variety of rare, life-threatening, chronic, and genetic diseases including bleeding disorders, hereditary angioedema, immune deficiencies, pulmonary disorders, neurological disorders, and infectious diseases such as tetanus, hepatitis, and rabies. Nearly 125,000 people in the U.S. who live with these rare diseases, as well as countless others facing trauma and emergency medical needs every day, rely on plasma protein therapies that are only available because of the commitment of dedicated plasma donors.

Plasma protein therapies have significantly improved the quality of life, markedly improved patient outcomes, and extended the life expectancy of men, women, and children in every community across the country. Healthy, committed donors provide the plasma essential to manufacture these lifesaving therapies, and there are now almost 1,000 plasma collection centers in the U.S. that have demonstrated their commitment to plasma donor and patient safety and quality by earning International Quality Plasma Program (IQPP) certification. I ask that my colleagues in the House of Representatives join me and rise in commemoration of International Plasma Awareness Week, honoring those committed donors and collection centers who make and collect needed and lifesaving contributions.

RECOGNIZING GENERAL GARY L. THOMAS

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor General Gary L. Thomas, United States Marine Corps, for the life of service he and his family have performed to our great nation. The theme of his distinguished career is one of achievement with highest honors throughout his 37 years in service to the United States of America.

General Thomas was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1984 after graduating from the University of Texas-Austin. In his 37 years as a Marine, General Thomas deployed in support of military operations in Bosnia, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Notably, his bravery and skillful command of Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 323 in the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom ensured the success of follow-on combat operations in the skies and on the ground. Additionally, his masterful leadership in combat while in command of Second Marine Aircraft Wing (Forward) in Afghanistan enabled coalition air forces to effectively provide fires, transport, and reconnaissance to